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# ニューマークのベータ法の安定性について (On the Stability of Newmark's $\beta$ method)

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## Abstract

For the second order evolution equation in time, we consider Newmark's  $\beta$  method without imposing the assumption of the Rayleigh damping for the dissipation term. We derive the trinomial recurrence relation of Newmark's method which is due to Chaix-Leleux, and give a proof of stability of the scheme for the homogeneous equation by an energy method.

## 1. The second order evolution equation and Newmark's method

In a finite dimensional real Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , we consider the following second order differential equation in time  $t$ :

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}u(t) + C\frac{d}{dt}u(t) + Ku(t) = f(t), \quad u(t) \in \mathcal{H}, \quad (1)$$

where  $C$  and  $K$  are non-negative linear operators on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $f$  is a given function:  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $\tau$  be a time step,  $U(t)$  be a difference approximation of  $u(t)$ ,  $V(t)$  be a difference approximation of  $\frac{d}{dt}u(t)$ ,  $A(t)$  be a difference approximation of  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}u(t)$ , and  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be fixed real numbers. Then we can write Newmark's method[2] as follows:

$$\begin{cases} A(t) + CV(t) + KU(t) = f(t) \\ U(t + \tau) = U(t) + \tau V(t) + \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 A(t) + \beta\tau^2(A(t + \tau) - A(t)) \\ V(t + \tau) = V(t) + \tau A(t) + \gamma\tau(A(t + \tau) - A(t)). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The case  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$  is the standard Newmark's  $\beta$  method.

## 2. The iteration scheme of Newmark's method

The iteration scheme of Newmark's method (2) for the equation (1) is written as follows:

- I. Compute  $A(t)$  from initial data  $U(t)$  and  $V(t)$  by using (1):

$$A(t) = f(t) - (C V(t) + K U(t)).$$

- II. Compute  $A(t + \tau)$  from  $f(t + \tau)$ ,  $U(t)$ ,  $V(t)$  and  $A(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A(t + \tau) &= (I + \gamma\tau C + \beta\tau^2 K)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \{-KU(t) - (C + \tau K)V(t) \\ &\quad + (-\tau C + \gamma\tau C - \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 K + \beta\tau^2 K)A(t) + f(t + \tau)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator.

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- III. Compute  $V(t + \tau)$  from  $V(t)$ ,  $A(t)$  and  $A(t + \tau)$ :

$$V(t + \tau) = V(t) + \tau A(t) + \gamma \tau (A(t + \tau) - A(t)).$$

- IV. Compute  $U(t + \tau)$  from  $U(t)$ ,  $V(t)$ ,  $A(t)$  and  $A(t + \tau)$ :

$$U(t + \tau) = U(t) + \tau V(t) + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 A(t) + \beta \tau^2 (A(t + \tau) - A(t)).$$

- V. Replace  $t$  by  $t + \tau$ , and return to II.

### 3. The trinomial recurrence relation of Newmark's method

We derive a trinomial recurrence relation for  $U(t - \tau)$ ,  $U(t)$  and  $U(t + \tau)$  from the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} A(t) + CV(t) + KU(t) = f(t) \\ A(t + \tau) + CV(t + \tau) + KU(t + \tau) = f(t + \tau) \\ U(t + \tau) = U(t) + \tau V(t) + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 A(t) + \beta \tau^2 (A(t + \tau) - A(t)) \\ V(t + \tau) = V(t) + \tau A(t) + \gamma \tau (A(t + \tau) - A(t)). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

#### 3.1 Derivation of the trinomial recurrence relation of Newmark's method

We eliminate  $A(t)$ ,  $A(t + \tau)$  and  $V(t + \tau)$  from (3) and get an equation for  $U(t)$ ,  $U(t + \tau)$  and  $V(t)$ . Next we eliminate  $A(t)$ ,  $A(t + \tau)$  and  $V(t)$  from (3) and substitute  $t - \tau$  for  $t$ , and get another equation for  $U(t - \tau)$ ,  $U(t)$  and  $V(t)$ . Lastly we obtain the following equation eliminating  $V(t)$  from these two equations:

$$\begin{aligned} & (I + \gamma \tau C + \beta \tau^2 K)U(t + \tau) + \{-2I + \tau(1 - 2\gamma)C + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2(1 - 4\beta + 2\gamma)K\}U(t) \\ & + \{I + \tau(-1 + \gamma)C + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2(1 + 2\beta - 2\gamma)K\}U(t - \tau) \\ & = \beta \tau^2 f(t + \tau) + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2(1 - 4\beta + 2\gamma)f(t) + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2(1 + 2\beta - 2\gamma)f(t - \tau). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

In this calculation, we must take care of the non-commutativity between  $C$  and  $K$ . In the case  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get a recurrence relation for the standard Newmark's  $\beta$  method:

$$\begin{aligned} & (I + \frac{1}{2} \tau C + \beta \tau^2 K)U(t + \tau) + \{-2I + \tau^2(1 - 2\beta)K\}U(t) + (I - \frac{1}{2} \tau C + \beta \tau^2 K)U(t - \tau) \\ & = \beta \tau^2 f(t + \tau) + \tau^2(1 - 2\beta)f(t) + \beta \tau^2 f(t - \tau). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

#### 3.2 Representation by difference operators

We define difference operators with time step  $\tau$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D_\tau U(t) & \equiv \frac{1}{\tau}(U(t + \tau) - U(t)) \sim \frac{d}{dt}u(t + \tau/2), \\ D_{\bar{\tau}} U(t) & \equiv \frac{1}{\tau}(U(t) - U(t - \tau)) \sim \frac{d}{dt}u(t - \tau/2), \\ D_{\tau\bar{\tau}} U(t) & \equiv \frac{1}{\tau^2}(U(t + \tau) - 2U(t) + U(t - \tau)) \sim \frac{d^2}{dt^2}u(t), \\ \frac{1}{2}(D_\tau + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t) & \equiv \frac{1}{2\tau}(U(t + \tau) - U(t - \tau)) \sim \frac{d}{dt}u(t). \end{aligned}$$

Using these definitions, we obtain the trinomial recurrence relation for  $U(t - \tau)$ ,  $U(t)$  and  $U(t + \tau)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}U(t) + \gamma CD_{\tau}U(t) + \{(1 - \gamma)C + \tau(\gamma - \frac{1}{2})K\}D_{\bar{\tau}}U(t) + KU(t) \\ &= \{I + \tau(\gamma - \frac{1}{2})D_{\bar{\tau}} + \beta\tau^2 D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}\}f(t). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Especially, in the case  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have (see [1],[3] for the case  $C \equiv 0$ ):

$$(I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}U(t) + \frac{1}{2}C(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t) + KU(t) = (I + \beta\tau^2 D_{\tau\bar{\tau}})f(t). \quad (7)$$

#### 4. Stability analysis by energy method

We consider Newmark's  $\beta$  method for the homogeneous equation:  $f(t) \equiv 0$  in (1), and derive a stability estimate for the approximate solution of (7) by means of an 'energy method'.

We take an inner-product between (7) and  $\frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}U(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) + (\frac{1}{2}C(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) \\ & \quad + (KU(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Since  $C \geq 0$ , the second term in the left-hand side of (8) is non-negative. Moving this term to the right-hand side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}U(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) + (KU(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) \\ & \quad = -(\frac{1}{2}C(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get the inequality:

$$((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_{\tau\bar{\tau}}U(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) + (KU(t), \frac{1}{2}(D_{\tau} + D_{\bar{\tau}})U(t)) \leq 0. \quad (9)$$

Multiplying both sides of (9) by  $2\tau^3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t + \tau) - 2U(t) + U(t - \tau)), U(t + \tau) - U(t - \tau)) \\ & \quad + (\tau^2 KU(t), U(t + \tau) - U(t - \tau)) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting  $U(t) - U(t) = 0$  in the inner-product of the first term in the left-hand side, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t + \tau) - U(t)), U(t + \tau) - U(t)) \\ & + ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t + \tau) - U(t)), U(t) - U(t - \tau)) \\ & - ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t) - U(t - \tau)), U(t + \tau) - U(t)) \\ & - ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t) - U(t - \tau)), U(t) - U(t - \tau)) \\ & \quad + (\tau^2 KU(t), U(t + \tau) - U(t - \tau)) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Arranging this formula, we obtain the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t + \tau) - U(t)), U(t + \tau) - U(t)) + (\tau^2 KU(t + \tau), U(t)) \\ & \leq ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)(U(t) - U(t - \tau)), U(t) - U(t - \tau)) + (\tau^2 KU(t), U(t - \tau)). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides of this inequality by  $\tau^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_\tau U(t), D_\tau U(t)) + (KU(t + \tau), U(t)) \\ & \leq ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_\tau U(t - \tau), D_\tau U(t - \tau)) + (KU(t), U(t - \tau)) \\ & \leq ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_\tau U(0), D_\tau U(0)) + (KU(\tau), U(0)). \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality and the fact that

$$(KU(t + \tau), U(t)) = (KU(t), U(t)) + \tau(KD_\tau U(t), U(t))$$

and  $K \geq 0$ , we get

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \beta\tau^2 \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \|K^{1/2} U(t)\|^2 + \tau(K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t), K^{1/2} U(t)) \leq C_0, \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_\tau U(0), D_\tau U(0)) + (KU(\tau), U(0)) \\ &= ((I + \beta\tau^2 K)D_\tau U(0), D_\tau U(0)) + (KU(0), U(0)) + \tau(KD_\tau U(0), U(0)) \\ &= \|D_\tau U(0)\|^2 + \beta\tau^2 \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(0)\|^2 + \|K^{1/2} U(0)\|^2 + \tau(K^{1/2} D_\tau U(0), K^{1/2} U(0)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\alpha$  is a positive real number, from Schwarz's inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau(K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t), K^{1/2} U(t))| &\leq \|\tau K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\| \|K^{1/2} U(t)\| \\ &= \alpha \|\tau K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\| \times \frac{1}{\alpha} \|K^{1/2} U(t)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \tau^2 \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \|K^{1/2} U(t)\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Moving the forth term in the left-hand side of (10) to the right-hand side and using (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \beta\tau^2 \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \|K^{1/2} U(t)\|^2 &\leq C_0 - \tau(K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t), K^{1/2} U(t)) \\ &\leq C_0 + |\tau(K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t), K^{1/2} U(t))| \\ &\leq C_0 + \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \tau^2 \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2\alpha^2} \|K^{1/2} U(t)\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Finally moving the second and the third terms in the last formula of (12) to the left-hand side, we obtain an energy inequality:

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \tau^2(\beta - \frac{\alpha^2}{2}) \|K^{1/2} D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + (1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha^2}) \|K^{1/2} U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0. \quad (13)$$

Using this inequality, we have the following results.

**Theorem 1** In the case  $\beta \geq \frac{1}{4}$ , we have the stability estimate, with positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,

$$\|U(t)\| \leq C_1 + C_2 t,$$

and in the case  $0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{4}$ , if we choose  $\tau$  such that

$$\tau < \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{4} - \beta) \|K^{1/2}\|^2}},$$

then we have, with positive constants  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ ,

$$\|U(t)\| \leq C_3 + C_4 t,$$

From now on, we show the proof of this theorem. First, we consider the case  $\beta \geq \frac{1}{4}$ . If we put  $\alpha = \sqrt{2\beta}$  in (13), then we have, for  $\beta > \frac{1}{4}$ , that

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + (1 - \frac{1}{4\beta})\|K^{1/2}U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0$$

and

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|, \|K^{1/2}U(t)\| \leq C_\beta = (1 - \frac{1}{4\beta})^{-1}C_0 < \infty,$$

where  $C_\beta$  is a constant independent of  $t$ . Hence, we get

$$\beta > \frac{1}{4} \implies \|D_\tau U(t)\|, \|K^{1/2}U(t)\| \leq C_\beta.$$

And we also obtain that

$$\beta \geq \frac{1}{4} \implies \|D_\tau U(t)\| \leq \sqrt{C_0}.$$

Then recalling the definition:

$$D_\tau U(t) = \frac{1}{\tau}(U(t+\tau) - U(t)),$$

we get

$$\|U(t+\tau) - U(t)\| \leq \sqrt{C_0}\tau,$$

and

$$\|U(t+\tau)\| \leq \|U(t)\| + \sqrt{C_0}\tau \leq \dots \leq \|U(0)\| + \sqrt{C_0}(t+\tau).$$

Putting  $C_1 = \|U(0)\|$  and  $C_2 = \sqrt{C_0}$ , where  $C_1$  is constant independent of  $\tau$ , we can conclude that

$$\beta \geq \frac{1}{4} \implies \|U(t)\| \leq C_1 + C_2 t. \quad (14)$$

Next, we consider the case  $0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{4}$ . Put  $\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  in (13). Then we have

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 + \tau^2(\beta - \frac{1}{4})\|K^{1/2}D_\tau U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0$$

and

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0 + \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}D_\tau U(t)\|^2. \quad (15)$$

Let  $y \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $\|K^{1/2}\|$  be the operator norm of  $K^{1/2}$ , then we have  $\|K^{1/2}y\| \leq \|K^{1/2}\|\|y\|$ . Applying this inequality to (15), we get

$$\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0 + \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2$$

and

$$(1 - \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2)\|D_\tau U(t)\|^2 \leq C_0.$$

Noticing the fact that, for  $\tau > 0$ ,

$$0 < 1 - \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2 \iff \tau < \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2}},$$

we obtain

$$\tau < \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2}} \implies \|D_\tau U(t)\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{C_0}{1 - \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2}},$$

and we obtain:

$$\|U(t)\| \leq C_3 + C_4 t,$$

where

$$C_3 = \|U(0)\|, C_4 = \sqrt{\frac{C_0}{1 - \tau^2(\frac{1}{4} - \beta)\|K^{1/2}\|^2}}.$$

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